

Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated August 13, 2004. Claims 41-47 have now been cancelled. Claims 26-40 are currently pending.

In the Action, it was stated that the disclosure was not amended in the previous Action. Applicants apologize for the oversight. The specification has been amended to correct the informality noted. Applicants assert that the previous objection to the specification has been overcome.

The corrected drawings were also not provided. Applicants also apologize for this oversight. Applicants have enclosed a set of formal drawings with the corrections made. Applicants believe that the previous objection to the drawings has been overcome.

Claims 41 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Although not agreeing with the rejection, Applicants have cancelled claims 41 and 42 to expedite the present application to allowance.

Claims 43-47 were rejected as being indefinite. Although not agreeing with the rejection, Applicants have cancelled claims 43-47 to expedite the application to gain a Notice of Allowance.

Claims 41 and 42 were stated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 26-40 were allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 41-47 have been cancelled and only allowed claims 26-40 are pending. As the remaining claims have been allowed and as all other issues have been addressed, Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance.

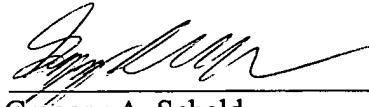
A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at (612) 336-4728.



Respectfully submitted,

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